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Classified By: Acting POL Chief Sung Y. Kim. Reasons 1.4 (b, d).

(C) On June 7, poloff delivered ref A points, which requested ROKG feedback on NATO's "Global Partnership" initiative, to Director Kang Jeong-sik, Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Kang reiterated South Korea's general support for the initiative per an earlier meeting with poloff on May 25 (ref B). He noted that Seoul did not yet have a clear vision for applying the "Global Partnership" to ROK-NATO ties and wanted more concrete proposals and ideas from NATO. Regarding possible ROK participation in NATO/PfP training and exercises for PKOs, Kang said his government needed to study the issue more closely before it could decide. He stressed that MOFAT would consult various ROKG agencies, including the Ministry of National Defense, and consider the implications of ROK participation in PfP exercises on the U.S.-ROK alliance.
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